

MINUTES

**MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
59th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

FREE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON HOUSE BILL 493

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN STEVEN GALLUS**, on April 13, 2005 at 11:55 A.M., in Room 405 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Art Noonan, Chairman (D)
Sen. Steven Gallus, Chairman (D)
Sen. Dave Lewis (R)
Rep. Joe McKenney (R)
Rep. Mike Milburn (R)
Sen. Carol Williams (D)
Rep. Bill Wilson (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Kim Leighton, Committee Secretary

Please Note. These are summary minutes. Testimony and discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 493, 4/12/2005
Executive Action:

SEN. GALLUS opened the hearing on HB 493.

REP. NOONAN explained some basic changes that were made to the bill. He discussed how the changes would affect the bill.
(Tape inaudible.)

SEN. GALLUS opened the floor to outside testimony.

Evan Barrett stated why this bill is important and why it needs to move forward. He added that this issue is not a matter of physical location.

Frank Cody attested that he concurs with the amendment; it makes the bill better.

SEN. GALLUS stated that this is the one set of amendments that were proposed.

SEN. LEWIS claimed that it is impossible to have the budget directly involved with this.

REP. MCKENNEY attested that there are no policy changes with this amendment.

MOTION/VOTE: **REP. WILSON** moved **AMENDMENT 791245FC.hkh** **BE ADOPTED.** Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 12:05 P.M.

SEN. STEVEN GALLUS, Chairman

KIM LEIGHTON, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([frh79hb0493aad0.PDF](#))